Assistance to Rajasthan under A.I.B.P.

2750. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested the Central Government to give special consideration to Rajasthan in the development of Water Resources on the lines of North-Eastern States like Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, under Acelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme.;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large area of Rajasthan State is desert area apart from drought proneness of the State and a long border with Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what special consideration the Central Goveriunent propose to give to Rajasthan to meet the above demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan has recently requested Ministry of Water Resources for inclusion of Rajasthan in the Special Category State so that it can avail special funding from the Government of India under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). The State has been advised to approach the Planning Commission who decides such matters.

Revitalisation of LLI project in Manipur

2751. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the LLI (Lower Lagyap Irrigation Project) in Manipur is failure;

(b) ifso, what steps have been taken up by Government to give proper utilisation to give benefit to the produaion programme of the State; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to revitalise it for the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: (a) to (c) There is no project by the name Lower Lagyap Irrigation Project in Manipur. However, a project named Loktak Lift Irrigation Project was originally approved by the